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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES **INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

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The earliest portion of the Poplar Grove house, across the lagoon, is a small one and-a-half story gambrel roof cottage which has been incorporated into the present five section house as an end wing. The central portion of the house is a late-eighteenth century temple-form building fronted by a later Ionic portico.

The beautiful setting of Poplar Grove, with its broad lawns, large old trees and fine view across Mobjack Bay, has changed little in the past century.

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A tide operated mill has existed at Poplar Grove since colonial times; however the present structure replaces the original mill which was burned during the Civil War. It is believed that corn was ground at the Poplar Grove mill for General Washington's troops when they camped nearby. At one time these ingenious structures were common throughout the Chesapeake Bay region but the Poplar Grove mill is the only such mill remaining in Virginia, and continued in operation until 1912.

Across the small lagoon from the mill is the Poplar Grove house, residence of the millers. The earliest portion of this rambling structure was probably built for John Patterson before the Revolutionary War. The house derives its name from the many poplar trees which Patterson planted. Patterson's granddaughter, Captain Sally Tompkins, the famous woman Confederate officer, was born at Poplar Grove in 1833.

The central portion of the Poplar Grove house was built in the lateeighteenth century by Richard Billups, a noted local builder known for his individual style.

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	As the designated State Liaison Officer for the tional Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Publi 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inc in the National Register and certify that it has evaluated according to the criteria and procedu forth by the National Park Service. The recomlevel of significance of this nomination is: National State Local	c Law lusion been res set mended		I hereby certify that this positional Register. Chief, Office of Archeology	roperty is included	in the	
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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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6. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #57-8, 57-9 1968

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